

Most of the rules in the Iowa Administrative Code 641 – Chapter 41.6 are exactly the same as the Mammography Quality Standards Act regulations. However, there are a few rules that are more stringent than MQSA. The actual rule references can be found throughout Chapter 41.6, but they are summarized as follows:

1. All mammography machines must be registered according to IAC 641 – Chapter 39.3(2).
2. Facilities must be authorized by the State of Iowa to perform mammography services in Iowa. This is in addition to the accreditation and certification required by MQSA.
3. Soft copy review workstations used to interpret mammography must be a configuration of two monitors that meet one of the following criteria:
  - A. Have 5 megapixel resolution; or
  - B. Be approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration 510K process and be intended for digital mammography use.

The workstation must follow a quality control program substantially the same as that outlined by the image receptor manufacturer's quality control manual, or that outlined by the image receptor manufacturer's designated soft copy review workstation quality control manual in which the facility's medical physicist has determined to be substantially the same as the facility's image receptor quality control manual requires.

4. Interpreting Physicians must have a valid Iowa Medical License.
5. Interpreting Physicians 8 hours of initial digital and/or tomosynthesis mammography education/training must be Category 1 CME or at least 8 hours of training in the new mammographic modality provided by a vendor manufacturing the new mammographic modality equipment.
6. Continuing qualifications (15 CME and 960 mammography interpretation counts) must be met at all times when the interpreting physician is interpreting mammography.
7. Back to back requalification is allowed once for interpreting physicians. Subsequent requalification is not allowed without State of Iowa approval.
8. Radiologic Technologists performing mammography must hold a valid Iowa Permit to Practice.
9. Continuing qualifications (15 CEU and 200 mammogram exams) must be met at all times when the radiologic technologist is performing mammography exams.

10. Radiologic technologists may use CEU obtained through presenting or training for only 50% (7.5) of the required continuing education requirement.
11. Back to back requalification is allowed once for radiologic technologists. Subsequent requalification is not allowed without State of Iowa approval.
12. Medical Physicists must be approved by the State of Iowa to provide services in Iowa or to Iowa facilities.
13. Mammography reports must include the following information (in addition to the MQSA requirements):
  - The date of the interpretation.
  - A description of the procedure performed.
  - Name of the referring physician or other physician identified by the patient to receive the written report.
  - A separate and distinct section entitled "Assessment"
14. Repeat analysis must be performed every 250 patients. If a facility performs more than 250 patient per week, weekly repeat analysis is acceptable.
15. The reviewing physician must sign the medical audit.
16. Safety standards must be in place and maintained for the mammography unit.
17. Equipment operators must be monitored for radiation exposure in accordance with IAC 641 – 40.37.
18. Records of all inspections, reports, and consultations (MP surveys) shall be maintained for 7 years.